



Jubilee Pool Restoration Project, Penzance

The New York Times “52 Places to Go in 2017” places Penzance Cornwall UK at number 14, with Jubilee Pool ‘the best thing to see’. What has happened to make this 1930’s Art Deco sea water pool so famous?

The winter storms of 2014 ravaged the Pool. The Friends of Jubilee Pool, a registered charity with over 300 members, launched a petition signed by 3800 people to secure its future. Extensive repairs were required and ingenious designs involved research of historical photographs as well as using innovative technology. The project value was £2,937,100 with just under £2M from the Coastal Communities Fund.

Cornwall Council appointed CORMAC Solutions Ltd Consultancy as Civil Engineering designer; Architects Poynton Bradbury Winter Cole took care of the architectural scope and Nomenca provided the Mechanical and Electrical expertise. Mott MacDonald was appointed as project manager. Cormac Solutions Ltd was the main contractor for the project.

155 rock anchors were embedded into the granite below the pool and extensive grouting was carried out to the terraces and outer sea walls. 1363sq m of bespoke coloured recycled glass resin- bound paving was laid, with stabilisation and repair of the changing cubicles, sea water valves and extensive re-decoration. Progress was promoted across the media including Facebook, Twitter and numerous press releases, including the Friends of Jubilee Pool’s Facebook page which has over 6000 likes.

HRH the Prince of Wales officially opened Jubilee Pool in July 2016 to widespread media acclaim. This project, has improved a highly supported community amenity, boosted the local economy and promoted Civil Engineering to a global stage. Through the devolution process- this facility has now been transferred from Local Council control to the Friends group who are now responsible for its ongoing success.



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